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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, JA

SUBJECT: MIG 25 (U)

1. (U) TRANSFER OF MIG BY C-5A TO HYAKURI ACCOMPLISHED SMOOTHLY LAST NIGHT. HEAVY MEDIA COVERAGE INCLUDED, IN ADDITION TO ITEMS NOTED TOKYO USDAO 0502 SEP (BEING REPEATED ADDRESSEES), REPORT ON DIFFERENCE OF VIEWS BETWEEN MOFA AND JDA AS TO WHERE TO GO FROM HERE. ACCORDING TO ASAHI, MOFA INCLINED TO ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS IN EARLY OCTOBER FOR RETURN OF AIRCRAFT TO SOVIETS, WHICH WOULD ALLOW ONE WEEK TO TEN DAYS FOR FURTHER JSDF EXAMINATION, WHEREAS JDA WOULD LIKE TO KEEP PLANE FOR THREE WEEKS TO ONE MONTH.

2. (C) DESPITE FREQUENT REFERENCES TO US-JAPAN MIG TEAM, PRESS NOTED GOJ SPOKESMAN EMPHASIZED THIS WAS NOT JOINT INVESTIGATION BUT WAS UNDER JAPANESE CONTROL--MOFA OFFICIALS YESTERDAY AGAIN URGED EMBASSY TO MAKE SURE ALL OFFICIAL COMMENTS HERE AND IN WASHINGTON FOLLOW THIS LINE.

3. (U) ASAHI ALSO REPORTED GOJ DECISION THAT IF SIMILAR
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DEFECTION WITH AIRCRAFT OCCURRED IN FUTURE, INVESTIGATION

OF INCURSION OF JAPANESE AIRSPACE WOULD BE HANDLED FROM
START BY JDA.
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